

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. ROBERT YOUNG

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Robert Young, for his heroic efforts to protect his neighborhood from a threatening wildfire.

Mr. Young lives in Saratoga Springs, where nearby flames recently forced 13,000 people to evacuate their homes. In a show of great courage, Mr. Young sent his family off in their car while he stayed behind, working to protect his neighborhood despite the back pain that recently forced him out of work. He placed the safety of his community over his own.

As the fire raged, he spent hours in a CAT plowing away at the fields behind the homes of Hepler Lane, creating a firebreak in the hope that, if needed, it would slow the progress of blaze. Thankfully, all homes on Hepler Lane were spared.

In a show of humility, Mr. Young downplays the bravery it took to do what he did. He attributes all credit to the valiant firefighters who battled the flames day and night for a full week.

Communities are built by individuals coming together to sacrifice for the greater good. It is my hope that the story of Mr. Young's heroic actions can be an example to us all.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JOSEPH DONOHUE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a dear family member, Bob Donohue. Bob was a loving father, grandfather and wonderful friend.

Bob spent his entire working career with General Motors, starting in the 1950's as a nuclear physicist and retiring in 1996. Bob always had the ability to light up a room and keep people smiling.

Bob enjoyed planning and orchestrating vacations and trips for his children and grandchildren. He loved being around his family and went out of his way to comfort anyone.

Bob was an avid fan of history, physics and mathematics. He often listened to classical music and enjoyed going to orchestra performances. Bob was a true joy to be around and his presence was always delightful.

I give my dear wishes to Bob's wife of 63 years, Marianne, and his beloved children. Bob will be greatly missed but he is now resting easy in Heaven.

May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his family and friends as we mourn his loss and celebrate Bob's life here on earth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 27, 2020 because I had the privilege of advocating for American jobs in northern Minnesota and working with the President's task force to find answers for unsolved Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 167.

ELISA THURSTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elisa Thurston for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Young Professional Award.

In her current role at the Denver-Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Elisa manages volunteers, engages donors and builds relationships with the community. She is described by friends and colleagues as passionate, caring and someone who works very hard to make her community a better place. It's clear Elisa has a bright future ahead and her early contributions to our community are obvious.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elisa Thurston for this well-deserved award and appreciate her contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was absent from votes on July 24, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY PRISCILLA JOHNSON

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Mrs.

Dorothy Priscilla Johnson. Mrs. Johnson passed away earlier this year, on April 25, 2020, after years of faithful devotion to the Stuart community.

Since her move to South Florida in high school, Dorothy invested heavily in the area, marrying and raising five sons. She also worked for and eventually received her Doctorate in Education from FIU, using her education to pour into the lives of her students as a teacher for 34 years. Beyond her work in the classroom, she showed her generosity by giving and volunteering with a number of local organizations and Catholic charities.

Madam Speaker, it's an honor to get to recognize Dorothy and the life she devoted to the flourishing of her family and her community, and I know that those she leaves behind miss her greatly.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill for S. 2163—"To establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes . . .", I would have voted "yea."

COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, which will establish a 19-member commission to examine the social disparities disproportionately affecting Black males in America. Commission members will be directed to review homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance in various grade levels, and health issues. The commission also will investigate potential civil rights violations affecting Black men and boys.

By authorizing this Commission to conduct this systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, it will better inform us on the community impacts of relevant government programs and provide recommendations on how we can remedy the underlying causes of these disparities.

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